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SUBJECT: PROTEST GROUP VISITS DEEPFREEZE AND BAKER-NUNN INSTALLATIONS

1. SOME SEVENTY PROTESTERS VISITED THE DEEPFREEZE FACILITY IN CHRISTCHURCH JANUARY 18 AND THE BAKER-NUN STATION AT MT. JOHN JANUARY 19, THE VISITS, PART OF A 17-DAY EFFORT TO FOCUS ATTENTION ON FOREIGN CONTROL OF INDUSTRY IN NEW ZEALAND, WERE SHORT (15-30 MINUTES) AND WERE LIMITED TO PLACARD CARRYING AND "BRIEFINGS" ABOUT THE INSTALLATIONS BY OWEN WILKES, LONG TIME HEAD OF THE COMMITTEE AGAINST FOREIGN MILITARY ACITIVITIES IN NEW ZEALAND (CAFMANZ). AT BOTH CHRISTCHIRCH AND MT. JOHN, LOCAL POLICE CORDONED OFF ACCESS ROADS TO INSTALLATIONS. PROTESTERS RESPECTED CORDONS AND MADE NO ATTEMPTS TO ENTER FACILITIES.

2. COMMENT - AS NOTED ABOVE PROTEST TOUR IS FOCUSING ON FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN NEW ZEALAND. DEEPFREEZE AND MT. JOHN OBVIOUSLY CHOSEN AS TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY THAT WOULD ATTRACT PRESS ATTENTION AT BEGINNING OF
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TOUR. RELATIVELY SMALL NUMBER OF PROTESTERS

INVOLVED REFLECTS DIMINUTION OF INTEREST IN U.S.
MILITARY INSTALLATIONS SINCE MARCH 1973 WHEN 400
ROCK-THROWING DEMONSTRATORS PROTESTED AT CHRISTCHURCH.
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